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## Local galleys bring home Ney Awards



Capt. R. Douglas Hughes poses with the Ney recipients.

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When Pearl Harbor-based Sailors dine at local Navy galleys, they can easily see and taste the quality of the food and food service. But now they also know that all six local galleys are among the best in the Navy. The eateries were recently awarded the highest accreditation in food service within the Navy – the Capt. Edward F. Ney Five-Star Award.

At ceremonies held April 22 at Silver Dolphin Bistro, Capt. R. Douglas Hughes, Chief of Staff/Commanding Officer, Naval Station Pearl Harbor, presented galley representatives with two plaques in recognition of

their achievements. One plaque was presented from Navy Supply Systems Command (NAVSUP) and International Food Service Executives Association (IFSEA) which awarded the five Navy Region galleys the five-star accreditation. The other plaque was presented on behalf of Adm. Thomas B. Fargo, Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

The leading chefs from each of the galleys also received top-of-the-line cutlery sets from the Culinary Arts Institute of America.

Emphasizing the significance of the unprecedented five-star award to all of Navy Region's galleys, Capt. Hughes praised the efforts of the Navy Region Food

Service personnel, "I am so proud of all of our Sailors. We have a good team here and they serve us well. I don't think that any Region can come close to what you all have accomplished," he commented.

Also among those on hand for the ceremony were Capt. John C. McLawhorn, commanding officer of Naval Magazine (NAVMAG) Pearl Harbor; Capt. Laura Anne Carpenter Marlowe, commander of Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station Pacific (NCTAMS); and Lt. Cmdr. Calvin Law, officer in charge of the Naval Brig at Pearl Harbor.

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## VP-47 saves life of heart patient with MEDEVAC

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Patrol Squadron 47 PAO

A "Golden Swordsmen" ready alert crew from Patrol Squadron 47 was launched on a medical evacuation (MEDEVAC) flight to the Midway Atoll. The previous night, an Air Force KC-135 tanker from Hickam Air Force Base in Honolulu had been dispatched to the atoll with members of an aeromedical evacuation squadron. The Air Force tanker was tasked to evacuate a patient with a critical heart condition from Midway to Hawaii.

The man had been vacationing on Midway when his health rapidly deteriorated. Medical staffers concluded that his condition warranted immediate attention and the patient could not wait for the next scheduled commercial flight to Honolulu. At this point, the Joint Rescue Command Center was notified.

When the Air Force arrived at Midway, the KC-135 experienced mechanical difficulties and was unable to evacuate the patient. Patrol Squadron 47, with a ready crew standing by, was notified of the time-critical mission and launched for Midway at daybreak. Following a three-hour transit, the crew led by Lt. Cmdr. Bill Filan landed at Midway, boarded the patient along with the aeromedical evacuation team, and were in the air in less than an hour. The Golden Swordsmen landed at Hickam AFB where the patient transferred to a local hospital for treatment. His condition was soon stabilized.

"This was a great opportunity for the 'Golden Swordsmen' to exercise our ability to launch on a moment's notice and we are happy that we could assist in helping the patient get the medical care he needed," commented Filan.

Once again, this mission demonstrates the flexibility of the P-3 Orion and the "can do" attitude of the Golden Swordsmen. As their logo says, "We dare to be great."

## Play ball!



Rear Adm. Dan Stone, Pacific Fleet's Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Fleet Supply and Ordnance (N4), throws the 'heat' for the ceremonial first pitch of the Barber's Point Little League Saturday.

Lt. Cmdr. Jane Campbell photo



PHI Dewitt Roseborough photo

Chief of Naval Operations, Adm. Vern Clark speaks at a change in office ceremony in which newly-appointed MCPON (SS/AW) Terry D. Scott (seated far right) relieved MCPON (SS/SW/AW) James L. Herdt as Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy.

## MCPON Herdt turns over the fleet, retires after 35 years of service

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MCPON(SS/SW/AW) Jim Herdt turned over the duties as Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy to MCPON(SS/AW) Terry D. Scott in a ceremony at the Washington Navy Yard on April 22.

Adm. Vern Clark, Chief of Naval Operations, was the principal speaker at the change-of-office and retirement ceremonies.

MCPON Herdt assumed duties as MCPON on March 27, 1998 after his selection by then CNO, Adm. Jay Johnson.

Monday marked the end of more than 35 years of service for MCPON Herdt since his initial enlistment in Casper, Wyo. in 1966.

Master Chief Scott most recently served as the CNO-directed command master chief for Naval Forces Central Command and Fifth Fleet.

As the Navy's senior enlisted Sailor, the MCPON is the primary advisor to the CNO and other flag officers on a wide variety of issues. The MCPON also serves as the focal point of a Navy-wide network of senior enlisted leaders who act as a communications chain to support and strengthen the chain of command.

One of the biggest challenges for the MCPON, however, is testifying before Senate and House subcommittees on readiness, compensation, housing, family and a myriad of quality-of-life and equity issues for Sailors and their families.

## High school students tour MCBH hangar, aircraft

**JO2 Phil Hasenkamp**  
COMPATRECONFORPAC

Hangar 3 at Marine Corps Base Hawaii turned into a living museum earlier this month as students from Kapolei, Radford and Kalaheo High Schools visited static displays of aircraft from Patrol Squadron Nine and Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light Thirty-Seven. Dozens of students and JROTC candidates from the schools toured the inside of VP-9's P-3 Orion planes and HSL-37's SH-60B helicopters.

Some museums have a "please do not touch" policy. That was not the case at Hangar 3. Hands-on was the plan of the day. The young scholars had a chance to see weapons systems, safety and survival equipment,

and engine components up close. Some students spent up to 30 minutes aboard a static P-3 and were very impressed with the 35-year-old aircraft.

"It was really cool. I want one now," Kapolei sophomore David Llenado said. "I want to learn how to fly now."

It wasn't just a learning experience for the students. Teachers were also impressed with what they saw. Some had never been to a military base before.

As chaperones, teachers saw the "field-trip" as a great way for their students to see what the military was all about. Joel O'Brien, an auto body instructor at Kapolei High School, said the event was an eye opener.

"The military is a great opportunity for the kids here. I've always said that," he said.



Students from Kapolei High School inspect a SH-60B helicopter display put on by HSL-37.

Lt. j.g. Zathan S. Baker photo

"There's so much opportunity to learn things in the Navy. You have an opportunity to get a great education in the military."

Students had a chance to stand on the wing of a plane and see the inner workings of one of its Allison T-56-A-14 en-

gines. AD2 Paul Mount, one of the tour guides, said he enjoys working with kids.

"It's really cool to show these guys what we have here. I'm young myself so I can really identify with them," said O'Brien.

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